Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4 as follows:

B1 This application ~~is a continuing application of U.S.S.N.s~~ claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S.S.N. 60/151,987, filed September 1, 1999, and is a continuation in part of U.S.S.N. 09/261,890, filed March 3, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,447,765, which claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S.S.N. 60/076,677, filed March 3, 1998.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 33 as follows:

B2 Figures 7A and B depicts the effect of CD4 cells primed with TGF-beta on allo-cytotoxic T lymphocyte (CTL) activity. The addition of CD4 CD45RA cells that had been cultured for 5 days without stimulators had no effect on CTL activity (result not shown). Culturing these T cells with stimulator cells resulted in modest to moderate suppressive activity. In all experiments, culture of these T cells with TGF-beta 1 ng/ml markedly suppressed, or abolished allo-CTL activity.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 4 as follows:

B3 Figures 8A and 8B demonstrates that regulatory T cells require cell contact to inhibit CTL activity. CD4reg and control CD4+ cells were generated by activating naive CD4+ cells with allogeneic stimulator cells ± TGF-β as described above. In secondary cultures, CD4reg or control CD4+ cells were either directly mixed with the responder cells or separated from them by a semipermeable membrane using Transwell™ chambers. The Transwells contained CD4+ cells and stimulator cells. The results shown are one of 3 independent experiments.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 10, line ~~27~~ as follows:

B4 Figures 15A and 15B depicts that repeated stimulation of T cells with a low dose of staphylococcal enterotoxin B (SEB) induces T cells to produce immunosuppressive levels of TGF-β. CD4+ T cells were stimulated with SEB (0.01ng/ml) and irradiated B cells as superantigen presenting cells with our without TGF-β at the times indicated by the arrows. Active TGF-β was measured ~~2 or 5 days later~~.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 1 as follows:

B5 Figures 17A-17D shows the effects of SEB on naive (CD45RA+ CD45RO-) CD4+ and CD8+ T cells. The cells were stimulated with SEB every 5th day for a total of three stimulations. The percentages of each T cell subset and the cells expressing the CD25 IL-2 receptor activation marker were determined after each stimulation. ~~Panels~~ Figures 17A and 17C show that if TGF-β 1ng/ml was included in the initial stimulation, CD4+ T cells became the predominant subset in the cultures after repeated stimulation. ~~Panels~~ Figures 17B and 17D show that CD25 expression

by SEB stimulated cells decreases by the third stimulation in control cultures. However, CD25 expression remains high if the T cells have been primed with TGF-β.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 21, line 15 as follows:

Treatment of donor CD8+ Cells ex vivo to suppress an immune attack against blood cells of an unrelated recipient.